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1. ON DECEMBER 29 AT AIRPORT WAITING FOR PRESIDENT AL-HAMDI, I RAISED WITH DEPUTY PRIMIN YAHYA JAGHMAN MATTER OF KOREAN AMBASSADOR'S DESIRE TO VISIT SANA SOME TIME IN JANUARY. JAGHMAN REPLIED THAT KOREAN AMBASSADOR IS ALWAYS WELCOME TO COME, BUT THAT AS A FRIEND HE WOULD ADVISE HIM TO COME "BRINGING SOMETHING", IF HE EXPECTS TALKS TO GET ANYWHERE. WHEN PRESSED JAGHMAN CONTINUED THAT FRIENDS OF WEST WITHIN YEMEN GOVERNMMENT WISH TO BE IN A POSITION TO POINT TO TANGIBLE INTEREST BY SOUTH KOREA IN YEMEN AS COUNTERWEIGHT TO SIMILAR INTEREST SHOWN BY NORTH KOREA OVERLAST DECADE OR SO.

2. COMMENT: KOREAN AMBASSADOR SHOULD MAKE FORMAL REQUEST FOR VISA AT EMBASSY IN JIDDA SOONEST, IF HE WISHES TO COME IN JANUARY. AT SAME TIME AS JAGHMAN HAS INDICATED, AMBASSADOR SHOULD BE PREPARED TO FOCUS ON SPECIFICS WHEN HE FINALLY ARRIVES HERE. SCOTES

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